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Shark Victim Talks Surfing With Governor

HONOLULU (AP) -- Teenager Bethany Hamilton, an inspiration to many when she returned to surfing after losing her left arm to a shark, swapped "board stories" with Gov. Linda Lingle. Lingle told the 14-year-old Hamilton on Friday she surfed for the first time in September.


"It was something I really enjoyed, something I've wanted to do for at least 25 years or so," Lingle said.

The two spoke when Lingle thanked Hamilton for filming an anti-drug message for the state. The 30-second public-service announcement begins airing on local radio and television stations this week.

"I did this because I'm against drugs, and I think that's a main problem in Hawaii that a lot of people get caught into," Hamilton said.

She autographed a copy of her recently released autobiography, "Soul Surfer," for the governor.

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